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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC KVP Mechanized Division Eggesin

REPORT

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 3 April 1954, installation Karpin was occupied as follows:

Section A: a heavy mortar unit and a motorcycle unit.

Section B: occupied by about 2,000 men. The new commanding officer of an artillery regiment there was one Major Borkovski (fmu).

Section C: 20 tanks under lean-to roofs and 30 tanks parked in the open.

Section D: tanks under lean-to roofs and 60 trucks parked in the open.

Section E: about 40 guns, presumably light AT guns.

A motor vehicle park of about 150 trucks and combat vehicles marked by the letter G (standing for combat) on the sides was located in Forest Section No 202, east of Section D. 25X1

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2. From 22 March to 9 April, units in Karpin daily practiced in the vicinity of the barracks installations. Groups of up to company strength engaged in infantry, signal and mortar training and close-order drill. Other groups with sidecar motorcycles mounting machine guns practiced aiming. Several small truck columns with soldiers and field kitchens left toward Jaegerbrueck. 2

3. Between 3 and 13 April, intensive training activity, including infantry, AT artillery, mortar, heavy artillery and tank firing were observed at all firing ranges of Jaegerbrueck troop training grounds. 2

4. An officer ~~said~~ that Armeegruppe Nord will not move to summer camps this year. 2

5. Training activity in the Karpin-Jaegerbrueck area considerably decreased during the days before Easter. On 15 April, not less than 2,500 KVP departed Eggesin railroad station for Easter holidays.

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6. At about 7 p.m. on 12 April, 12 T-34/85 tanks drove toward Eggesin railroad station from the direction of Neumuehl. The railroad area was cordoned off by sentries. At about 11 p.m., a train went from Eggesin toward Pasewalk. 3

7. At about 9 p.m. on 12 April, 4 T-34 tanks, 3 SP guns, 7 trucks, 1 ambulance and 2 field kitchens were loaded onto an undetermined number of flatcars, and troops onto 7 boxcars, at Eggesin railroad station. The motor vehicles were covered. The unit came from the direction of Karpin. 3

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1. [redacted] Comment. Information for the first time definitely confirms the reconnaissance battalion as being stationed in Section A. The strength estimate indicates that Section B quarters still other units in addition to the howitzer artillery regiment. The engineer battalion is believed to be quartered there. Sections C, D and E probably quarter the three mechanized regiments only. It seems that the tanks, motor vehicles and guns of the three mechanized regiments are parked in a joint lot near Sections C, D and E.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Report tends to indicate that basic and field training at platoon and company level is conducted exclusively in the vicinity of installation Karpin, while firing with live ammunition and combat practices are being held in the Jaegerbrück area. The latter area is used by all units of Korps Nord. It is not believed that those units of Korps Nord stationed in the Sellberg-Drcageheide-Forgelow-Karpin-Altwarp area will move to summer camps, as the area around the posts is well suited for training.

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] It is probable that a tank unit from Spechtberg was entrained.

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